

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Before the paragraph starting at page 1, line 4, please insert the following:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

--Field of the Invention--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 1, line 4, as follows:

The ~~present~~ invention relates to ~~the method according to the preamble of Claim 1~~ a method for protecting wood against decay, molding and similar non-desirable reactions caused by microorganisms.

Before the paragraph starting at page 1, line 4, please insert the following:

--Description Of The Related Art--

Before the paragraph starting at page 2, line 17, please insert the following:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 3, line 20, as follows:

More specifically, the method according to the invention is mainly characterized ~~in what is stated in the characterizing part of claim 1.~~ by treating with a compound selected from the group consisting of siloxane derivatives and fluoroalkyl polymers, which improves its water repellence, and with a complexing agent capable of binding transition metals.

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 3, line 23, as follows:

The wood preservative compositions according to the invention for its part is characterized ~~in what is stated in the characterizing part of Claim 9, and the method according to the invention for controlling the moisture content of a lignocellulose-based material is characterized in what is stated in the characterizing part of Claim 11.~~ by using a compound, which is selected from the group consisting of siloxane derivatives and fluoroalkyl polymers and which is capable of binding covalently or polymerizes with the reactive compounds in the cell wall of the lignocellulose-based material, whereby there forms in the surface structures of the material a

water-repellent film, which prevents water molecules from  
penetrating into the macrostructure of the lignocellulose-based  
material, and combining a treatment with EDTA with this  
treatment.

Before the paragraph starting at page 4, line 29, please  
insert the following:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

Before the paragraph starting at page 5, line 16, please  
insert the following:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION--